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Monthly Meeting

April 16, 2013

Attendance:

Bastian Oskam (Democratic Seat 4) – Chairman
Ralph Drew (Republican Seat 1) – Vice Chairman
Sallie Sorohan (Democratic Seat 3) – Board Member
Dottie Krull (Republican Seat 2) – Board Member
Ashley Peck – Secretary, Elections Supervisor & Chief Registrar

I. Call to order. Chairman Oskam called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

II. Approval of Previous Minutes of March 19, 2013.

Motion: Ms. Sorohan made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Ms. Krull seconded the motion. The motion carried.

III. Public Hearing – Challenges by the Board

In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 21-2-228, a hearing was held to determine the eligibility to remain on the electors list of twenty individuals. A detailed list with reasons for the challenge, pertinent research and the date the notices were mailed to the named individuals is attached. No challenged voters are in attendance.

- The twenty challenges were due to invalid residential addresses, Department of Drivers Services' records showing an out of county address, or records showing they are currently registered in other states. All resources were researched in order to contact the voters and letters were mailed to all addresses found for each voter. Based upon the available evidence, Mr. Drew motions to delete the twenty individuals from the voter list. Ms. Sorohan seconds the motion. Motion carries.

Resolved, that these twenty voters are no longer qualified to be registered in Lumpkin County.

IV. News/Issues

- Ms. Peck reports that the contract with A.V. Building Services to conduct the delivery and retrieval of the election equipment is up for renewal. Ms. Peck reports that all required information has been submitted to the Board of Commissioners and the Board will be voting on the renewal of that contract tonight at the Commissioners Monthly Meeting.
- Ms. Peck reports that a meeting was held with the Commissioners concerning SPLOST funds. Ms. Peck reports that the moving of the Elections and Voter Registration Office was discussed at this meeting. Ms. Peck reports that the current proposed plan, with the Elections Office sharing the space with CASA, is what the county currently is looking to pursue. Ms. Peck reports that any changes to this plan will have to be presented to the County Manager. The following changes/concerns were discussed by the Board of Elections:
 - The current plan does not provide sufficient space for the Elections Office.
 - Any transportation of the voting machines increases the risk of damage so the Board would like to limit how often the machines are moved.
 - Having a small space to the store and maneuver the voting machines increases the risk of damage to the machines.
 - The cost of replacing a voting machine should be included when discussing the need of increased space.

- The current plan does not have a training room which would require the Elections Office to continue to utilize the Administration Building for training. This would require us to transport the voting machines to the Administration Building.
- A room for the GEMS unit and election night tabulation that is separated but still visible to the public is needed.
- The current plan for DRE storage would not allow any room for growth.
- The current plan does not have enough storage room. The Elections Office would still require the use of the storage area in the Annex Building.
- The Board requests that a meeting be held with the county manager to discuss the above concerns and to request the current proposed plan be amended to reflect the Elections Office occupying the entire space. Ms. Peck is to schedule this meeting and notify the Board Members of the time and date.

V. TVIC Law Review - Update

- Ms. Peck reports that Mr. Horne, the County Attorney, has not responded to the request to clarify the law pertaining to the TVIC Law that was discussed at the last monthly meeting.

VI. Upcoming Events

- Ms. Peck discusses the upcoming events:
 - a) 4/18: 3T Meeting
 - b) 5/5 – 5/8: GEOA
 - c) 5/17: Kindergarten Election

VII. Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2013 at 9:00 am.

Mr. Drew makes a motion to close the meeting. Ms. Sorohan seconds the motion. Motion carries.

Chairman Oskam adjourns the meeting at 11:30 am.